# Lutherans and Other Denominations
## Holiness Bodies

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Review ~ Calvinism vs. Arminianism

| John Calvin | Jacob Arminius |
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| Total Depravity | Foreseen Predestination |
| Unconditional Election | Open Atonement |
| Limited Atonement | Cooperative Conversion |
| Irresistible Grace | Unforced Grace |
| Perseverance of the Saints | Severable Grace |

Lutherans ~ God desires all to be saved and offers His grace freely. Although He foreknows who will be saved, He gives us free will to accept or reject His saving grace.

Review ~ John Wesley's Doctrine of Salvation

Universal Salvation
- Do the best you can

Free Salvation
- Have to know something's wrong to be a sin
- All men contain some measure of deity

Full Salvation
- The Perfected Christian

Sure Salvation

Holiness Movement

*Sanctification*
- *Sanctify* (Funk & Wagnals) ~ 1. To set apart as holy or for holy purposes; 2. To purify or make holy
- Wesley ~ Complete in the dramatic experience of a second work of grace given by God to the faithful
  - In this experience the believer attains Christian perfection which is displayed in "perfect love"
- Other Protestants ~ The process where the justified Christian is made to correspond with God's holiness

Debate within Methodist Church over meaning of *Entire Sanctification*
- *entire* and *instantaneous* (Conversion Experience) vs. *progressive* and *gradual*
- Holiness Groups split away

Movement drew Holiness advocates in other churches
- Left and formed their own independent churches & associations

Holiness Bodies ~ Three Groupings

Perfectionists
- Baptism of Holy Spirit is "entire sanctification"

Pentecostals
- Baptism of Holy Spirit is tongues (sometimes healing)

Evangelistic Associations
- Dedicated to spreading the doctrine of entire holiness

## Characteristics of Holiness Bodies

Literalism
- Okay to take Scripture out of context
- Example - Practice foot washing
  - John 13:4-15
- Example - Snake handling, poison drinking
  - Mark 16:17-20

Faith Healing
- Christ came to heal our bodies also
- Isaiah 53:5
- Matthew 8:16-17

Premillenialism
- Many Pentecostals believe in premillenialism
- Christ will come to earth and rule for 1000 years, After this time he will judge the world

Legalism
- Strive to live a holy life
- Make many things sinful that the Bible permits

Emotionalism
- Signs that a person has been baptized by the Holy Spirit
- Some Pentecostals limit outbursts to tongues & healing

## Holiness Doctrine

Typically Fundamental Arminian
Four Main Points

* Entire Sanctification is from an instant experience
  - *A second definite work of grace in the heart, whereby we are cleansed from all sin.*
  - *Only those who are justified and walking in the favor of God can receive this grace.*

* Baptism with Holy Ghost & fire
  - Yearn for a Second Pentecost

* Baptism of the Holy Ghost follows conversion
  - Perfectionist - A second work of grace
  - Pentecostal - Ecstatic experience, esp. tongues

* Christ's healing is also for the body (not all agree)

### Perfectionists

Charles Finney (1792-1875)
- Presbyterian minister
- Successful evangelist turned professor
- Holy Spirit empowers and perfects the will of converted Christians to conform with God's will

Man inherits sin by his free choice - Conversion is man's personal surrender
- Entire Sanctification immediately follows conversion
- God removes all inbred sin from man in "Entire Sanctification"
- Wesley taught that involuntary sins will remain

Bodies grew mainly out of the Methodist Church
- Members of other Protestant bodies also moved over

Church of the Nazarene
- Closely adheres to original Wesley ideology
- *The right wing of the holiness movement*

Church of God (Anderson, Indiana)
- Perfectionist, but desires to be non-denominational and governed at the congregational level

Wesleyan Church
- Entire Sanctification is central

Church of Christ (Holiness)
- Uses foot washing and faith healing, Episcopal (bishop) government

### Pentecostals

Began as *Latter Rain* movement
- Joel 2:28-29
- Joel 2:23
  - *Former rain* was on Pentecost, *Latter rain* is at end of Christian era

1901 - Charles Parham
- 1/1/01 - Students began speaking in tongues during study of Acts
- Tongues is the initial, physical evidence of baptism of the Spirit, it's inevitable accompaniment

1906-1909 - Azusa Street Revival
- William Seymour

Movement spread via individuals and individual churches
- Associations and denominations evolved

Emphasize charismatic gifts - esp. tongues & healing
- All should yearn and expect a Second Pentecost - Baptism with Holy Ghost AND fire
- Must have a Pentecostal experience to receive Entire Sanctification

Four-Square Gospel
- Christ the Savior
- Christ the Sanctifier
- Christ the Healer
- Christ the Coming King

## Pentecostal Groups

Church of God in Christ
- 1897 - Formed by Baptist ministers C. H. Mason & C. P. Jones
  - Rejected by Arkansas Baptist groups for over-emphasis on Holiness
- Holiness is a pre-requisite to salvation
- Practice baptism by immersion, the Lord's Supper, foot washing, tongues, healing

Assemblies of God
- 1914 - Joining of a group of churches and assemblies in Hot Springs, Arkansas
- Baptism of the Spirit must be evidenced in tongues, All gifts of Spirit should exist in a normal church

Pentecostal Assemblies of the World
- The oldest "oneness" or "Jesus Only" organization in US
  - Jesus-Unitarian theology - The "name" of the Father, Son and Spirit is *Jesus*
- Goal is to spread the "Jesus Only" gospel message to the world

Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee)
- 1886 - Christian Union formed by Richard Spurling
  - 1902 - Renamed Holiness Church
- Blends orthodox Pentecostal themes with Pentecostal ideas and practices
  - tongues, premillenialism, foot washing, divine healing, condemns alcohol & tobacco

United Pentecostal
- Evolved from Oneness Pentecostals - withdrew from Assemblies of God in 1916
- Rejects cutting of women's hair, worldly amusements, home TV sets, immodest dress

Foursquare Gospel
- 1923 - Aimee Semple McPherson dedicated Angelus Temple in LA
  - Thousands flocked to meetings of her preaching and faith healings

## Evangelistic Associations

Associations of churches formed for missionary work

Christian and Missionary Alliance
- 1882 - Originated by A. B. Simpson
- 1914 - One tenth left and formed Assemblies of God

Independent Assemblies of God (also called Philadelphia Churches)
- Members have a Swedish background

## Pentecostal Body Types

Holiness - Pentecostal (14 majors) - 3 stages of Christian experience (conversion, sanctification, baptism of HS)
Baptistic - Pentecostal (10 majors) - 2 stages of Christian experience (conversion, baptism of HS)
Unitarian (Oneness) Pentecostal (5 majors) - Deny the Trinity, Jesus Christ alone is God

## Closing Prayer